

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Imam et al.  
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I, Thomas E. McDonnell, Associate Counsel (Patents) for the Naval Research Laboratory, a Federal Laboratory, represent that I am a representative authorized to sign this terminal disclaimer on behalf of the assignee for the above-identified invention, the Government of the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy. I have reviewed the enclosed copy of the assignment document for the above-identified application, recorded at reel 8716, frame 0550, as well as the enclosed copy of the assignment document for copending United States Patent Application Serial Number 08/846,192, filed April 28, 1997, assignment recorded at reel 8850, reel 0512. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the Government of the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in both United States Patent Application 08/845,897 and United States Patent Application 08/846,192.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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